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The store of William E. Moore, at Hillsboro, was broken into last Tuesday and the safe broken open. About \$400 or \$450, mostly in money, was taken. Another like robbery took place in Nicholas County

Norman E. McKenney was injured in a two-car accident on the straight stretch below Huntersville early Friday morning. The second car was driven by Daniel Lee Terry. McKenney was taken to Morgantown but was able to return home this week.

Warren Dair Shue, 11, of Droop was injured Friday night when his bicycle turned into the road and was hit unavoidably by a car driven by Ralph Sharp. The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darreleigh Shue, was taken to the Medical Center at Morgantown for observation and treatment and returned home Mon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shraeder, of Windsor, Pennsylvania,

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a copy of an old CCC camp paper, the Cannon Ball, of November 6, 1935, from Camp Price on Droop Mountain, and we print herewith the accounts of two Civil War Veterans returning for the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Droop Mountain. Other guests included Congressman Jennings Randolph, CCC and State officials.

George Henry Alderman, 91 years old, a veteran of the Battle of Droop Mountain, exploded the popular belief that the Confederates buried a brass cannon in the swamp on the old battlefield. Mr. Alderman, whose home is in Summersville, was a member of C

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pany A 14th regiment of the
Virginia Cavalry. Although
well up in years, Mr. Alderman
has a vivid remembrance of all
that transpired during this his-
toric battle. He stated, "Our
camp was located on the little
knoll that lies to the south of
the swamp. We had left our
horses back on the mountain.
The hill-front overlooking Hills
boro was heavily fortified, as
the Confederates were expect-
ing the Union attack to come
from this direction; the Union
forces, however, came in from
behind and took us entirely by
surprise. The only outlet for
escape was the old Lobelia-Ja-
cox road, where we had left
our horses. Under a heavy fire,
we escaped, but we took our
brass cannon with us. I have

Veterans, of Hillsboro, arrived in Camp Price this morning to commemorate the Battle of Droop Mountain. General McNeel was a member of the 19th regiment of Virginia, Company F. Mr. McNeel's regiment participated in the battle, but his company had been sent to Green Bank, near Huntersville to watch for the Union forces as they were expected to come in that direction. The Yankees, however, took another route and Company F missed them and the battle. General McNeel was a private during the war, but was elected a 2nd Lieutenant before the war closed. His appointment as Brigadier General came after the close of the war.

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General Averell, commanding the Union forces in the battle, was an overnight guest at the home of General McNeel, in Hillsboro, and still has in his possession a letter from General Averell directing that any damage caused to the property be paid for by the United States government. General Averell made a very fine impression on all the Southern people he came in contact with.

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General McNeel visited the battlefield a few days after the battle was fought and seemed to think that both the Union and Confederates were very excited during the gun-fire. Trees were cut down by the firing, but they were cut down above the average man's size, indicating that the troops were poor shots or they were not very anxious to kill their opponents. This explains the comparatively few deaths that occurred during the battle